

25 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM:  
TO: Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
Assistant Director, Research and Reports  
Chief, Economic Research, ODR  
SUBJECT: Transmittal of Proposed DCI Reply to Secretary  
McNamara's Letter  
REFERENCE: Action Memorandum No. 118, 19 February 1963 from the  
Executive Director to the DCI, concerning Letter  
from Secretary of Defense to DCI, Request for Study  
of Soviet Ground Forces, 13 February 1963

1. The attached is for the Director's signature and is in reply  
to the referenced letter.

2. Since 12 March negotiations have been underway to merge the  
study requested of the DCI with a similar study being prepared in DIA  
at the request of the Secretary of Defense. Although my conversations  
with the working level in DIA indicated that the proposal to merge  
would be accepted, General Carroll decided on 21 March that he did not  
wish to do so. The reason given was that DIA had other requirements for  
the study and that a request with McNamara's name on it would facilitate  
the completion. CIA was invited to participate in the DIA study.

3. From all I have been able to learn, the DIA study will include  
little or no additional research and will likely result in little more  
than a reaffirmation of the results which McNamara questioned originally.  
It is my recommendation that CIA not associate itself with the DIA study.



4. On 22 March, Mr. Stockfish, a member of McNamara's staff, visited CIA to discuss some aspects of the study requested of CIA. During the discussions, General Carroll's decision was raised. It was Mr. Stockfish's opinion that Mr. McNamara did not want two parallel studies. Stockfish said he would recommend that McNamara write a memorandum to DIA through the JCS relieving DIA of its obligation to meet the 15 May deadline so that DIA might concentrate on the Joint CIA/DIA study with a preliminary report due in August.

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Chief, Military-Economic Division, CDR

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